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How to Cope with Hood's Pills

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G. LINCOLN BANKS.
I live for those who love me,
Who have hearts as kind and true;
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too.
For all human life that binds me,
For the task by God assigned me,
For the hope not left behind me,
And the good that I can do.
I live to learn their story,
Who've suffered for my sake;
To emulate their glory,
And follow in their wake.
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages,
The noble of all ages;
Whose deeds crown history's pages,
And time's great volume make.
I live to hold communion
With all that is divine,
To feel there is a union
Twixt nature's heart and mine.
To profit by affliction, too,
To reap truths from fields of woe,
To grow wiser from conviction,
And fulfill each grand design.
I live to hail that season
By gifted minds foretold,
When men shall live by reason,
And not alone by gold;
When man to man united,
And every wrong is righted,
The whole world shall be lighted
As Eden was of old.
I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true;
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too.
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.
Floods of the Mississippi.

Few persons outside of the country dreamed of the Mississippi having any adequate idea of the horrors of flood in that region. To produce it, there must be first heavy and prolonged rains in the leading tributaries of the great river. These are fortunately so wide apart, stretching as they do from the Ohio on the east to the Missouri in the far West, that usually not often more than twice in a generation does the disaster occur. Conditions leading up to broken levees in the Mississippi are as follows: First, there come generally tremendous rains in the Ohio valley. Creeks and rivers flowing into the Ohio river from Pittsburgh to its mouth are swollen and hurry their contents into the usually sluggish, yellow stream. It becomes a swift, devouring torrent. It rises and lashes its banks in fury. It overflows its muddy current onto the riverbank homes, inhabitants flee for their lives to the hills. Barns, sometimes with beating crows and sheep inside and chickens crowing upon their rooftops, are whirled down stream. Frame houses with the furniture still within them go by, haystacks and flatboats, cribs with corn gleaming yellow inside, strings of fence paling and saw logs flash past upon the angry stream, to be towed in by unknown boaters or to go on out into the unknown upon the Gulf of Mexico.

Meantime another deluge of rain has come and soaked and gorged all the earth in the Illinois, upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys. These rivers carry the great water southward. They meet and mingle at Cairo. Just at this point the awful rains set in again, this time in the lower Mississippi region. From western Texas, from Missouri, from Louisiana, from the regions drained by the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico, the swollen creeks and rivers pour their contents into the channel of the maddened Father of Waters. The inhabitants of oases along the Mississippi begin to be anxious.

Along the Mississippi are 1,300 miles of embankments, built to keep the river out of people's homes and off their plantations. The embankments run southward from Cairo. They are in many places 12 feet high, the people's houses being at ordinary high water below the surface of the river. As a statement of cold fact it may be observed that there will be no absolute safety for our population in living along the lower Mississippi till these frightful foundations shall have scattered sand, earth and sediment over the lowlands sufficient to raise them above the danger line. How long that will require, geologists perhaps can calculate.

But what would you? The lands behind the Mississippi danger line are as fertile as any this earth affords. Here are the great cotton, sugar and rice plantations. In the value of its farm products to the area of Louisiana is richer than any other State in the Union. And men must live and support their families and toil, rejoice and suffer, and work out their destinies.

A levee, all hearts are fixed alternately on the pouring skies and the Mississippi embankments. Along the shore towns rely on men begin to work night and day to strengthen the levees. Timbers, loads of earth, stones and sand bags are heaped against one another to keep the wall of water out. Soil is raised, and the danger grows. Then no man leaves the levee. All who can dig and shovel work frantically, with pale faces and set lips and few words. During the present flood season men at Greenville worked without food or sleep for more than 24 hours.

Only those who have seen the results of a crevasse know the desolation it leaves in its track. Like a cloudburst the waters pour over homes and fertile fields. Thousands of domestic animals are drowned, millions of dollars' worth of crops are destroyed. The river in the neighborhood of these breaks is sometimes 60 miles wide. Where inland villages are upon elevated ground wild game loses its fear of man and deer and other animals, driven by hunger and terror of the unknown, flee to the habitations of man for refuge, instead of away from them.

In times like this men are sometimes crazed and lose their humanity in their awful dread of what may happen. The darkest chapter in the history of the Mississippi overflow was recorded that men have traveled a distance of 50 to 100 miles northward from their own homes, and with flimsy calculation deliberately cut the levee, that the river might overwhelm the people north, so as to save themselves.

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